Report No.
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London Borough of Bromley

Decision Maker:	**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**
Date:	**Thursday 30th January 2020**
Title:	**Bromley Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018-19**
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1. Summary

In 2018-19, the BSCB oversaw multi-agency child safeguarding arrangements across Bromley and was comprised of senior leaders from a range of different organisations. Its two basic objectives were to co-ordinate the safeguarding work of agencies and to ensure that this work is effective.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 legislated that Local Safeguarding Children Boards were to be replaced and transitioned into new safeguarding children partnerships by September 2019. Under the new legislation, the three safeguarding partners (local authorities, police, and clinical commissioning groups) must make arrangements to work together with relevant agencies (as they consider appropriate) to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in the area. At the time of publication, this transition is at an advanced stage; the new structures are bedding in and the BSCB has been replaced by the BSCP (Bromley Safeguarding Children's Partnership). The report itself, however, focusses on the BSCB's work undertaken up to April 2019.

This report is a transparent assessment of the effectiveness of safeguarding and the promotion of child welfare in Bromley. It sets out:

- the governance and accountability arrangements for the BSCB. This provides information about the structures in place that support the BSCB to do its work effectively, as well as the roles of our partners, including Designated Professionals and lay members.

- the context for safeguarding children and young people in Bromley, including the Ofsted improvement journey and re-inspection during this reporting year. It highlights progress made by the partnership across a range of areas (e.g. Early Help, Private Fostering, CSE, Missing and Gangs and the work of the Local Authority Designated Officer), as well as the challenges going forward.

- the lessons that the BSCB has identified through its Learning & Improvement Framework, including Learning Reviews, the BSCB's Practitioners Survey and multi agency audits on early years, drug and alcohol misuse and vulnerable adolescents. This section also details the actions taken to improve child safeguarding and welfare as a result of this activity.

- the range and impact of the multi-agency safeguarding training delivered by the BSCB, including e-learning, face-to-face, briefings (such as lessons from local learning reviews) and the BSCB annual conference.

- the priorities going forward: The Local Safeguarding Context; Early Help and Early Intervention; Strong Leadership and Strong Partnership; and a Healthy Workforce. There are also important messages from the Independent Chair of the BSCB to key people involved in the safeguarding of children and young people.

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2. Reason for Report going to Health and Wellbeing Board

The annual report of the Bromley Safeguarding Children's Board (BSCB) covers the period from April 2018 to March 2019. It is a statutory requirement for safeguarding partnerships to publish this report under section 14A of the Children Act 2014. In line with statutory guidance, this report will be submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, the local police and crime commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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3. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the content of this report and in particular the BSCB's focus on co-ordinating the safeguarding work of agencies and to ensuring that this work is effective

Health & Wellbeing Strategy

1. Related priority: [Delete as appropriate] Children with Complex Needs and Disabilities Children with Mental and Emotional Health Problems Children Referred to Children's Social Care

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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:

2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:

3. Total savings: Not Applicable:

4. Budget host organisation:

5. Source of funding:

6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings:

Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

Not Applicable:

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4. COMMENTARY

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5. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

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6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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8. IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY POLICY AND FINANCIAL CHANGES, REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE ITEM

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